GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:677
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COMPENSATION PAID TO VICTIMS OF KADALUNDI TRAIN ACCIDENT IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of compensation paid to the victims of Kadalundi Train Accident occurred last year in Kerala so far;

(b) the number of cases pending as non-paid; and

(c) the steps taken to finalise these cases ? ANSWER

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) The amount of compensation paid so far to the victims of Kadalundi Train Accident, occurred last year, is Rs.58.81 lakhs.

(b) As on 11-07-2002, three cases in which decrees have been passed are under process of payment by Southern Railway. The number of cases awaiting decision of Railway Claims Tribunal (RCT) are 204.

(c) The following steps are being taken for speedy disposal of claims of passengers:-

I. Administrative Action:

(i) Instructions have been issued to all Zonal Railways that, as soon as a passenger train accident takes place, all particulars of injured and killed may be obtained, claim application forms be sent to claimants, and the record should also be made available to the concerned bench of Railway Claims Tribunal.

(ii) When claims are filed and put up for hearing, the Railways give all possible assistance to the Tribunal for speedy settlement.

(iii) Written statements are to be filed by the Railways in such cases within 30 days after receipt of notice from Railway Claims Tribunal.

(iv) After the decreetal amount of claim has been sanctioned, Railways have to ensure that cheques are issued and despatched within a period of 15 days.

II. Action by the Tribunal:
i. Top priority is given to the disposal of accident claims cases.
ii. For convenience of claimants, circuit benches are held from time to time at stations other than headquarters of the benches.
iii. In case of non-availability of Members in one bench, Members from other benches are also deputed.
iv. Requests of claimants, for transfer of cases from one bench to the other, near to their residence, for their convenience are given due consideration.
v. Adjournments are not granted ordinarily.